(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Air Force has taken several steps to reduce avian menace. These include vegetation clearance, use of zon guns, reflective tapes, bird shooters, establishment of bird hazard combat teams, denial of habitat to birds and use of microlites etc.

Flag meetings between Coast Guard and Marine Security Agency of Pakistan

1557. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coast Guard has put forward any new proposals for periodical flag meetings between Coast Guard and the Marine Security Agency of Pakistan;

(b) if yes, the details of the proposal; and

(c) how these new proposals help the Indian fishermen who are languishing in Pakistan jails and the fishermen who stray, unintentionally, in the Pakistani waters?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) This proposal suggests alternate flag meetings, onboard ship of Indian Coast Guard/Pakistan Maritme Security Agency, in the month of April and September. Such meetings will facilitate frequent repatriation of the apprehended fishermen of both countries.

Attaining self-sufficiency in missiles defence system

1558. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is still importing surface to air missiles from Russia;

(b) if so, whether India is still not self-sufficient in indigenous air attack missile defence systems; and

(c) the target for making India self-sufficient in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of the sensitive nature of the information, it will not be in the interest of national security to divulge it on the Floor of the House.

Induction of Mid-Air Refueling System by Indian Air Force

1559. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force have inducted mid air refuelling and weapon platforms in space; and

(b) if so, the futuristic weapons systems India propose to add as is being done by the advanced countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Indian Air Force has inducted air-to-air Flight Refueling aircraft but it has no weapon platforms in space.

(b) There is no proposal to add futuristic weapons system in space for Indian Air Force.

Amendment in Building Construction rules of Defence Cantonments

1560. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recent amendments made in Building Construction Rules in Defence Cantonments regarding increase of FSI to accord permission for construction of more floors;

(b) whether in the light of amendments towards increase of FSI, Government will pave a rule and initiate the process of regularising thousands of Building with unauthorised floors in Secunderabad Cantonment to secure property taxes of all such unauthorised floors to Secunderabad Cantonment, Board, which the Boards is deprived of at present;